



Administrative Office of the Courts

NOTICE OF FUNDING Court Interpreters for Order of Protection Hearings

Overview of Project

There is an increasing number of persons with limited English proficiency residing in the State of Tennessee needing assistance in overcoming the language barrier in the courts. In order of protection hearings, it is necessary to have the victim and the perpetrator understand what is happening and what is expected of the parties in order to provide for the safety of victim and for the perpetrator to understand the consequences for a violation of an order of protection. The AOC has received a one time grant award of \$50,000 (\$25,000 per year) for a two year project to pay for the costs of credentialed interpreters in order of protection hearings. Grant funds have been awarded from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Competitive Grant Program.*

Qualifications and Criteria

All courts (trial/general sessions/juvenile) that hear petitions for order of protection may apply for funding. The AOC will review applications and determine the amount of funding for each court. Applications for funding can be found at www.tncourts.gov

Project Schedule

Funding Period: September 15, 2009 through June 15, 2011.

Submission of Applications

The last date applications will be accepted is September 15, 2009. All applications will be reviewed, evaluated, and approved or denied by the AOC. At any time during the review, the AOC may request additional information from interested parties, which must be submitted in writing.

Applications must be sent to the following address by September 15, 2009:

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